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## FRUIT GROWERS HOLD MEETING

Discuss Pest and Many Other Problems.

## ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Will Hold an Orchard Meeting at Fruitdale on Saturday, Afternoon, June 20.

The annual meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association was held last Saturday at the Court House. There was a very good attendance of fruit growers but not the number that should have been for many of the orchardists were too busy with their work to spare the time, so they thought, to attend the meeting. It has been said that the school of experience is thorough but the tuition comes high. There are two ways of gaining experience in fruit raising. One is to attend fruit growers meetings and secure the experience of successful orchardists, and the other is to gain a knowledge of the industry by years of work, patient endeavor, numberless experiments, and the expenditure of much money. For to profit by the successes and failures of those long in the business is the way the person who values his time and his money begins in the fruit industry, for in no industry does experience prove so expensive when gained by oneself, for a mistake in orchard work and management can not be detected at once and sometimes it is five years or more before the beginner can know that he has planned the wrong variety, or has placed his orchard or vineyard on the wrong soil or location, or made a mistake in pruning. And then his mistakes in his combat with the pests will be another big expense that will tend to discourage him with the fruit industry. The wise orchardist makes as few experiments as possible himself but gives close attention to the success and failures of his neighbors and profits by their experience. And it is this class of orchardists who never fail to attend a fruit growers meeting and also to visit other orchards and note their condition and the methods of handling them. If a beginner will attend fruit growers meetings, visit other orchards and read the bulletins issued by the Agricultural College and the Agricultural Department and the standard fruit papers he will not waste a day of his time nor a dollar of his money in bringing his orchard or vineyard into profitable bearing, but if he prefers to blunder along by himself he may by spending much money and time attain success and he may end in failure and become a chronic grower who declares that there is no money in fruit raising.

Recognizing the value of these experience meetings the Fruit Growers Association voted to hold a number of orchard meetings this summer. The first orchard meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 20, at Riverside Fruit Farm, belonging to Geo. A. Hamilton, and at Elersee Fruit Farm, belonging to Prof. R. R. Turner, in Fruitdale district. A study will be made of an old orchard that is being reclaimed and of two new orchards, one planted last year and one the past winter, and embracing apple, pear, peach, cherry and walnut trees and a vineyard on methods of combatting the pests and of planting, pruning, cultivating and the general care of an orchard. A comparison of the square and hexagonal methods of tree planting will be made as the new orchards are planted by the latter method. After an inspection of the orchards and talks by experts on the various phases of the work as shown by the trees, a social hour will be spent under the shade trees at Mr. Hamilton's home and light refreshments will be served by the ladies of Fruitdale Grange. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the fruit industry and the ladies will be quite as welcome as the gentlemen.

The place of meeting is but two

miles from Grants Pass up Rogue river on the south side and it is but a 25-minute walk from the bridge up a shaded trail along the river bank. The meeting will begin at 3 p. m.

After President Robinson had called the meeting to order for the forenoon session he announced that the election of officers and other business would be postponed until the afternoon session and the time until noon would be devoted to a general discussion of the fruit industry in Josephine county. He then gave a short talk on the purposes of the Fruit Growers Association and the outlook for the fruit industry in this county. He stated that what is everybody's business is nobody's business applies in its fullest sense in the contest that the fruit growers in Rogue River Valley have with the pests that threaten to destroy their orchards. A few fruit growers may strive ever so hard to keep their orchards free from pests but their work will be unavailing if the pests are allowed to breed and multiply by countless millions in the orchards of careless farmers and on trees and shrubs in the yards of the town residences. The same energy and concerted action must be exercised in the work of subduing the orchard pests as is carried out to stamp out an epidemic of smallpox or diphtheria. All must co-operate, the farmers and the business men in this war on the pests, but it is especially necessary that the fruit growers work as one man. This can best be accomplished by all belonging to an organization for then there is a union of purpose and strength that would make success certain in the war of extermination against the pests. The Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association has been doing a good work in carrying on a campaign of education and of securing the enforcement of the pest laws, but much more could have been accomplished had all who are interested in the development of the fruit industry in Josephine county been members of the Association. The outlook is now most encouraging for the Association for its work is being appreciated, for the fruit growers are finding that they must unite and all work together if the conditions are to be made the best for the growing and the marketing of fruit in this county.

Secretary Charles Meserve coincided with what President Robinson had said relative to the war on the pests in Josephine county. That the progressive fruit growers of this section are handicapped in their fight with the pests is proven by the fact that not to exceed 10 per cent of the fruit trees and shrubs in Grants Pass were sprayed this past winter and not over 50 per cent of the fruit trees on the farms were sprayed. This indicates that a more rigorous enforcement of the pest laws must be had if the fruit industry is to be developed in Josephine county. There are now not over a dozen kinds of pests in Rogue River Valley but with the immense importation of fruit trees that are being made each year the valley will soon be flooded with the hundreds of species of pests that are infesting the orchards of America. The entomologists of the Department of Agriculture and of the Agricultural Colleges have identified over 1100 different kinds of pests that infect the orchards and gardens of the United States. Our high grade civilization has disturbed the balance of nature and now we have to pay the penalty. And the list of pests is growing rapidly for 21 new pests were found this past year that had landed in the United States from foreign countries. While it seems a hopeless task to contend against this tremendous pest menace, yet the undertaking is not great for the fruit growers of Rogue River Valley, for the mountains all about the Valley make it so that the pests can not get here of themselves and if care is taken to prevent their being brought in on tree shipments and then if these that are here are subdued, fruit growing here can be carried on with a certainty of harvesting crops of perfect fruit. In the great farming sections of the United States the pests are rapidly exterminating the orchards and fruit raising will soon be a lost industry in most of the states of the Union. So really the pests are the best friends that the Rogue River orchardists have, for while they are killing off the orchards and lessening the supply of fruit, the demand for fruit is steadily gaining with the result that the day of cheap fruit is gone by.

K. Thomas, who for several years

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## OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Of Initiative Measures Recently Submitted.

## ARE MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Desired by Electors at Last Week's Election—Statement No. 1 Carried.

Following is an abstract of the official vote on the initiative measures, submitted at last week's election. These figures show that the people sanction an increase in the pay of legislators, that they are opposed to the location of all state institutions at the state capitol; that the biennial elections would better be held in November than June. These figures also show that the people were greatly indifferent relative to the state university bill, which only carried by a small majority.

Statement No. 1, bill carried, as a matter of course very strongly. Some of the bills, while of apparently less importance carried by stronger majorities.

Legislators' Increased Pay.	
Yes	454
No	1087
Majority No.	
Scattering State Institutions	
Yes	898
No	584
Majority Yes	
Supreme Court Amendment	
Yes	590
No	795
Majority No.	
November Elections	
Yes	1383
No	290
Majority Yes	
Sheriff's Feeding Prisoners	
Yes	1126
No	550
Majority Yes	
Compulsory Passes	
Yes	673
No	952
Majority No.	
Armory Appropriation	
Yes	482
No	1056
Majority No.	
University Appropriation	
Yes	754
No	728
Majority Yes	
"Open Town" Bill	
Yes	669
No	1026
Majority No.	
Single Tax	
Yes	651
No	1119
Majority No.	
Recall	
Yes	1223
No	432
Majority Yes	
Statement No. 1 Amendment	
Yes	1461
No	290
Majority Yes	
Proportional Representation	
Yes	1068
No	501
Majority Yes	
Corrupt Practice Bill	
Yes	1059
No	520
Majority Yes	
Lower Columbia Fish Bill	
Yes	799
No	727
Majority Yes	
Grand Jury Amendment	
Yes	1055
No	427
Majority Yes	
Hood River County	
Yes	691

No. 487  
Majority Yes 204

The Geo. S. Calhoun Co. have in one of their windows, a brood of fall blood Belgian Hares, the property of Mr. Calhoun's son Lester. The little fellows were born about three weeks ago, seven of them all told, one being pure white and is termed an Albino. This occurrence is quite a rarity. Several years ago, Postmaster Donnell shot a white deer, which he had mounted and is now on display at the Commercial Club rooms. A white Blackbird was also seen among its black feathered tribe by a great many people of Grants Pass, two or three years ago.

A substantial new residence is going up at B and First street this week.

## FLAG DAY NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14

On June 14, 1777, just 131 years ago it was decided by congress that the flag of the United States then consisting of 13 united states hold 13 stripes, alternated red and white and that the union be 13 white stars on a field of blue, but no provision was made at that time for new states, but as new states were being admitted it was necessary to make some provision for their representation in the flag so another enactment took place in 1818 when congress ordained that from after the next 4th of July the flag of horizontal stripes, alternate red and white and that the union would be 20 white stars in a field of blue, upon the admission of new state into the union a star should be added to the flag, this to take place the next 4th of July succeeding the admission of the state.

The American Flag Association was formed in 1897, the object of this association being to promote a feeling of loyalty and reverence for "Old Glory" and June 14, Flag Day, has come to be reorganized as a national anniversary by the American people.

So popular has this day become that it is observed all over the United States by the patriotic citizens and June 14 of each year sees the national colors liberally displayed from business houses and private residences.

Let this year be ahead of all previous ones in the display our national honored flag and let the stars and stripes wave from every business house and private home in this city on Sunday, June 14.

## NEW CANNERY BUILDING IS NOW COMPLETED

New Machinery is Being Installed This Week—Heavy Season Looked for.

While the canning season is not yet open in this section, the Grants Pass canning factory is just now one of the busiest places in the city, the construction work on the new addition is now completed and manager Sampson and Foreman Webber with a force of men are now setting and adjusting the new machinery recently received and Mr. Sampson says they hope to have things in shape to handle a part, at least, of the Logan berry crop this season. The new machinery now being installed in addition to the additional room offered by the new building will not only add greatly to the convenience of the plant but double its daily capacity. As soon as the season opens 60 girls will be employed besides from 12 to 20 men. The canning factory is therefore one of the most important industrial institutions of this section of the Rogue River Valley.

Foreman Webber just returned the first of the week from San Francisco where he had spent a week in the interest of the factory. After visiting a number of factories in California Mr. Webber says that Grants Pass has one of the most conveniently arranged and best equipped canneries on the Pacific coast.

The company shipped out one car load of vinegar this week. The present season promises to yield the heaviest pack the factory has yet handled. The tomato crop is coming on much nicer than anticipated and the 23 acres being raised just east of the factory by W. B. Sherman, the Tokay man is a picture of excellent gardening.

## LADIES ORGANIZE-- HELP BOOST TOWN

Large Attendance at Last Week's Meeting.

## OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Hold an Adjourned Meeting in the Club Rooms—Auxiliary to Commercial Club.

At an adjourned meeting of the wives of the members of the commercial club at the club rooms last week Tuesday the permanent organization of a woman's auxiliary was perfected. Aside from its co-operation with the commercial club this new organization is essentially a woman's club, its general purpose being the improvement of Grants Pass morally, mentally and otherwise.

The organization was affected by the election of the following officers: Mrs. C. L. Clevenger, president; Mrs. C. H. Demaray, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Sampson, secretary and the following ladies were selected as vice-presidents: Mesdames R. W. Clarke, W. C. Haie, A. H. Gannell, G. H. Parker, G. W. Donnell, and G. H. Durban.

A committee of three was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws to be presented at the next meeting. A similar committee was also appointed to draft a resolution to be presented to the commercial club recommending the advisability of holding a Fourth of July picnic.

Various other general matters were discussed after which the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the president. The club starts out with excellent prospects for future achievement and the general improvement of the city. The old "saw" is, that it takes a woman to do it every time, and the Grants Pass ladies seem to be behind every good move and the new organization should bring them into greater prominence and appreciation in this splendid country.

Every wife of every business or professional man in the city, and the young ladies, too, should become members of this club. Its social features are bound to be interesting while the mission and effort of the club should appeal to every woman in the city. There are great possibilities for the club; it can do much for the spiritual, mental and material welfare of Grants Pass.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Has Accomplished Much Good Since Its Organization—Now a Membership of 112.

Below is given a report of the financial condition of the Grants Pass Commercial Club up to June 1, 1908, covering a period from August 1, 1906

to the dates mentioned. The club was organized two years ago with a charter membership of 23, and after a desultory existence of nine months an active committee on membership increased the roll to 49 by April of last year. In April 1907, H. L. Andrews, was elected secretary at a salary of \$30 per month since which time the club has increased its membership to 112, including all of the leading business men of the city.

In presenting this financial report it is not impertinent to recount some of the achievements which have resulted directly from the club's labors. Among these may be mentioned the fair last September, which was a grand success in every sense. The permanent arches over Sixth street on each side of the railroad track were also secured by the club; and a trail down Rogue River was also materially aided by the club. Another wholesome influence of the club is that the "knocker" has been made to go away back and sit down, while the city has grown and prospered in every way and many hundreds of acres of land contiguous to Grants Pass have been reclaimed from the chapparal and timber and planted to fruit and many new orchard homes built.

Following is the financial report of the club.

RECEIPTS.	
Membership (Entrance Fees)	\$1125 00
Membership monthly dues	1108 00
Donations and sundry receipts	538 21
Special advertising fund	282 90
Total	\$3102 11
EXPENDITURES.	
General expense, postage, phone, light, water, etc	346 17
6,666	
Entertainment, banquets, etc.	165 70
Miners exhibit, printing acct.	29 00
R R V development league	91 00
Improvement	65 00
Salary and commission	874 10
Rent	440 00
Advertising	500 53
Advertising (Special)	114 00
Furniture fixtures	130 44
Treasurer (Cash on hand)	328 17
Total	\$3102 11

It is also significant that the commercial club has morally and substantially supported the city council in all the council's work for the improvement of the city, and that Grants Pass has been strongly advertised throughout the county through a systematic campaign of publicity by the club.

The club has also engendered a unanimity of spirit and activity among other merchants and citizens generally which argues much for the future growth and prosperity of Grants Pass.

## Band Concert.

Weather permitting the Rogue River Band Boys of Grants Pass will give an open air concert in Railroad Park on Friday evening, June 19, 1908. The following program will be rendered:

- March—Comedy Club.....Ellis Brooks
  - Waltz—Dazzler.....Southwell
  - Overture—The Diamond.....Southwell
  - Polka—Violet.....Paul De Ville
  - Two-step—Gazelle.....Southwell
  - Schottische—My Playmates.....Southwell
  - Waltz—Queen of the Ball.....Brooks
  - Galop—Whirlwind.....Southwell
  - Two Old Favorites.....Arranged
  - March—Opakan.....Southwell
- STANTON ROWELL, Director.

Miss Audrey Carter of Ashland is spending a few days in Grants Pass the guest of Mrs. Catherine Gray.

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